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R&D ON ECONCOM IX AGENDA

REF: (A) STATE 136477; (B) TOKYO 8902

SUMMARY: FONOFF AND MITI EXPRESS INTEREST IN EXAMINING
US DRAFT ENERGY RESEARCH R&D AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. ECONCOMMIN HAD FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH KOMATSU,
DIRECTOR-GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL TRADE BUREAU, MITI,
AND MIYAZAKI, FONOFF, RE QUESTION GOVT-TO-GOVT AGREEMENT
FOR R&D COOPERATION. CONVERSATION WITH KOMATSU
BROUGHT OUT MITI STILL VERY MUCH DESIRES COOPERATION
IN VARIOUS AREAS RESEARCH, E.G. , SOLAR ENERGY, ENRICHED
URANIUM AND, IN FACT, WOULD LIKE AGREEMENT RE SPECIFIC
AREAS TO BE REACHED AT ECONCOM. CONCERNED, HOWEVER,
ABOUT (A) A HIGHLY PUBLICIZED AGREEMENT THAT MIGHT
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APPEAR TO OIL PRODUCING STATES AS BEING PROVOCATIVE

AND (B) BUREAUCRATIC ARRANGEMENTS THAT MIGHT PLACE COORDINATING OR SUPERVISORY ROLE INTO HANDS OF FONOFF.

2. ECONCOMMIN STATED (A) US HAD NO INTENTION PROPOSE AGREEMENT THAT COULD BE DEEMED PROVOCATIVE AND (B) "UMBRELLA-TYPE" ACCORD WOULD PERMIT SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS TO BE WORKED OUT BY VARIOUS AGENCIES ON BOTH SIDES. ALTHOUGH HE STATED HE WAS OBVIOUSLY SPEAKING PERSONALLY AND WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, ECONCOMMIN ALSO INDICATED HE NOT CERTAIN US OFFICIALS WOULD BE EAGER FOR R&D COOPERATIVE EFFORT WITHOUT SOME FORM OVERALL ACCORD. A GROUP OF AD HOC BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARRANGED BETWEEN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WITHOUT ANY OVERALL SPONSORING PROGRAM OR COMMON RATIONALE AND WITHOUT ANY COORDINATING MECHANISM AT ALL WOULD APPEAR TO BE A DISORDERLY AND UNTIDY OPERATION. AT THAT NOTE KOMATSU EXPRESSED INTEREST IN REVIEWING US DRAFT AGREEMENT TO DETERMINE IF IT OR SOME MODIFIED VERSION MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE.

3. MIYAZAKI RAISED SUBJECT WITH ECONCOMMIN IN A MEETING THAT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED DISCUSSION WITH OMATSU. HE STATED HE HAD CONTACTED MITI AFTER EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH ECONCOMMIN (TOKYO 8902) AND MITI CONFIRMED IT DID NOT WISH OVERALL ACCORD AND ALSO OPPOSED REFERENCE TO GENERAL STATEMENT RE COOPERATION ON ENERGY R&D IN ECONCOM COMMUNIQUE.

4. ECONCOMMIN NOLHD THAT ON BASIS HIS CONVERSATION WITH KOMATSU, MITI SEEMED PREPARED FOR REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC AREAS OF COOPERATION IN COMMUNIQUE AND ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN LOOKING AT US DRAFT OF POSSIBLE ACCORD TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. ECONCOMMIN ALSO INDICATED TO MIYAZAKI THAT HE WONDERED IF US OFFICIALS WOULD BE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ENERGY R&D COOPERATIVE EFFORT WITHOUT SOME SORT OVERALL ACCORD. MIYAZAKI THEN ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN STUDYING US DRAFT AGREEMENT. HE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED US RAISE SUBJECT IN PLENARY AND NOT SOLELY COUNTERPART SESSION SINCE SEVERAL MINISTRIES INVOLVED. EMBASSY
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